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Crossing Guard going to jail for 1 ½ years on drug charge

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A Dedham school crossing guard indicted for selling drugs was sentenced to 1 ½ years in jail Monday, District Attorney William R. Keating announced.

Joann M. Harrington, DOB 12-11-61, admitted to selling OxyCodone, a class B. Drug, and possession with intent to distribute class B, at a hearing in Norfolk Superior Court on May 27, 2008. Judge Paul Chernoff at that time scheduled sentencing for June 30.

“This was good police work by the Dedham Police Department and the Norfolk County Police Anti-Crime Task Force,” District Attorney William Keating said. “To have this kind of illegal activity by someone who is supposed to be in a protective role for children is egregious.”

Please see attached public document entitled: Commonwealth's Statement of the Case for additional detail.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.